

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has formulated a strategy for large-scale procurement of cotton in Vidarbha region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether CCI has received any suggestions from Government of Maharashtra in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the CCI thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has been permitted to procure cotton in Maharashtra including Vidarbha region during 2002-03 cotton season. Further the CCI has already opened two branch offices in the State i.e. one in Akola (in Vidarbha region) and one in Aurangabad and has already commenced procurement of kapas of H4, LRA and Y-1 varieties in Maharashtra from 9th November, 2002. The Corporation has also opened 18 centres under branch offices Akola and Aurangabad for undertaking commercial operation.

(c)&(d): CCI has not received any specific suggestion from the Government of Maharashtra in this regard. However, the Government of Maharashtra has partially liberalized its Monopoly Procurement Scheme of Cotton by allowing agencies like spinning mills, private textile mills, ginning and pressing units and C.C.I. to purchase cotton in Maharashtra in 2002-03 season.

(e): The CCI has undertaken procurement of 25,059 quintals of kapas as on 2nd December, 2002.